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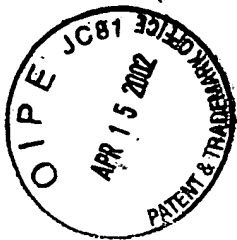
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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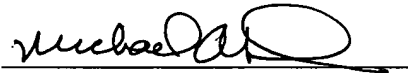
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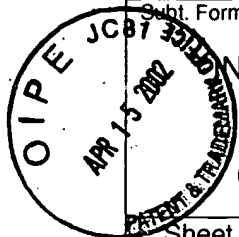
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